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1444, 9 May 1949, [redacted] Washington, D. C.

Members: Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman  
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Observers: [redacted]

1. A determination of the extent of agency reliance on civil publications, abstracting USSR periodicals, and the need for centralized exploitation was deferred due to the absence of Lt. Cdr. Illing and Mr. Fry, both of whom have had the subject under study.

2. Discussion of overall interagency needs in the exploitation of Soviet publications was deferred with the agreement that members will get the direct expression of their respective agencies so that the subject may be concluded at the next meeting.

### 3. Soviet Books

The current receipt of Soviet books in Washington was roughly estimated at 5,000 per year. Of these a generous estimate of approximately 1,000-1,500 per year should be exploited as a common service. It was mutually agreed that PDB should exploit all current Soviet books of common interest for the IAC Agencies. "Exploitation" was defined as: (a) receipt of such books procured by the IAC Agencies; (b) screening of books received by the Library of Congress; and, (c) preparation of selective abstracts on those titles of common interest for intelligence purposes.

The mechanics of format and reporting will be considered later.

4. Agenda for the next meeting to be held at 1444, 16 May 1949, [redacted] Washington, D. C., follows:

A. Final consideration of exploitation of USSR periodicals.

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5. Satellite press and publications with initial emphasis on Yugoslavia and Germany.

6. The fourth meeting was adjourned at 1615, 9 May 1940.

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